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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

DATE: February 12, 1981

REPLY TO ATTN OF: Todd Greentree

SUBJECT: Possible Identification of John Sullivan

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TO: Ambassador Chapin
DCM Dion

Our consensus is that the body discovered at San Diego Beach February 10 and photographed by Father Paul Schindler is probably not John Sullivan. We are not at this time able to determine this with certainty.

Pat Lasbury spoke with Father Schindler a second time today and discussed the circumstances and disposition of the corpse in more detail. Father Schindler said that the person appeared to have suffered weight loss before death. His left ear protruded as a result of the gunshot wound which entered his left forehead. He noted nothing about his hands that would aid identification. The jacket, which Father Schindler described as a brown-beige windbreaker, appears similar to the ~~shirt~~ one described by Sullivan's mother.

Father Schindler will request a copy of the burial report and find out where the grave is located from the Alcadeza, who was the presiding authority.

We have pouched the photographs of the corpse to Washington so the Department may show them to the family at its discretion. We have also requested copies of Sullivan's dental records, in order to have a reliable means of positive identification on hand should the need arise.

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